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1. IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS PARA ONE REFTEL YOU MAY INFORM GOM, (A) WYMAN IS NOT RPT NOT ARMED, AND (B) USES MARINE DIESEL FUEL, MAXIMUM CAPACITY 2858 BARRELS; HOWEVER WILL HAVE RECENTLY BUNKERED AND WILL NEED AT MOST TOP OFF TANKS.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD INSURE THAT WE GET CLEAR RESPONSE -- AFFIRMATIVE OR NEGATIVE -- BY DECEMBER 15 TO WYMAN VISIT REQUEST. GOM ATTITUDE TOWARD OUR FIRST SUCH REQUEST IN 2-1/2 YEARS OF MINTOFF ADMINISTRATION HAS OBVIOUS IMPLICATIONS BEYOND QUESTION OF PORT CALL, AND WE DO NOT WISH GOM TO EVADE ISSUE BY STALLING PAST DEADLINE.

3. IN PRESSING FOR PROMPT, DEFINITIVE REPLY, YOU SHOULD
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MAKE CLEAR OUR UNHAPPINESS WITH ABELA'S INITIAL REFUSAL

TO TRANSMIT WHAT WE VIEWED AS ROUTINE AND LEGITIMATE REQUEST, AND WITH STILL FURTHER DELAYS. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT WE HAVE EXCEEDED ANY OBLIGATION TO ADVISE MALTESE OF WYMAN'S ACTIVITIES AND HAVE NOTHING TO ADD. FURTHER TEMPORIZING WILL, THEREFORE, BE VIEWED AS REFUSAL.

4. IF CLEARANCE DOES NOT APPEAR LIKELY, YOU SHOULD MAKE

POINT THAT SHOULD GOM TURN DOWN US REQUEST, AFTER ALLOWING SIMILAR SOVIET VISITS, PROFESSED MINTOFF POLICY OF EVEN-HANDEDNESS TOWARD BIG POWERS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY CALLED INTO QUESTION.

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